Ceilings of expenditure for the remaining States are being approved as per the established procedure.

Attack on AIR Bangalore

1127. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called for a report from the Karnataka Government on a recent incident when a group of rowdies entered the premises of All India Radio Station, Bangalore on 2nd October, 1988 and transmitted an objectionable message; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered in this regard; if so, the details thereof: and

(c) whether Security arrangements were adequate; whether Government have conveyed its concern to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Ministry of Home Affairs have written to the State Government to investigate the matter expeditiously and submit an action taken report in this regard.

(b) An enquiry was conducted by the officials of All India Radio. On the morning of October 2, about a dozen miscreants claiming to be members of the Kanada Ranadhira Pade (Kannada Warriors) forced their entry into the Studios of All India Radio, Bangalore. The miscreants who were armed with knives, toy pistols etc. assaulted staff on duty and thus succeeded in interrupting the transmission and in reading out a statement brought by them. The statement drew attention of the Kannadigas to the alleged domination of the Kannadigas by outsiders. On hearing objectionable material going on the air as well as some disorder in the transmission, the staff at the Transmitter immediately contacted the police. 13 persons were apprehended by the police and booked under Section 143. 147, 149, 448; 353, 393; 343; 506 of IPC and in addition Section 2(8) (A) of Official Secrets Act. All of them were released on bail on 3-10-88 with the instruction that they will be required to produce themselves as and when required and during bail will not indulge in such activities. A transmission executive of All India Radio, Bangalore, who was among those apprehended, has been placed under suspension and has since been chargesheeted.

(c) Yes, Sir. The State Government has been requested to provide adequate protection to the staff and the installation and regular patrolling so that such incidents are not repeated.

News item captioned "Girvi Ka Maal Kam, Karz Zyada"

1128. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goverenment are aware of the news item published in the Nav Bharat Times dated 8th May 1988 under the caption "Girvi Ka Maal Kam, Karz Zyada";

(b) why the material shortage in stocks was neither explained in the annual accounts nor pointed out in the statutory audit report of N.C.C.F. for 1986-87 and what action has been taken against the negligent chief executive and the statutory auditors for concealing stock shortage of about Rs. nine crores;

(c) what is the nature and extent of shortage in the stocks of N.C.C.F. as on date;

(d) whether the shortage in stocks and failure of N.C.C.F. to explain the same has been commented upon by the Tax Auditors for 1986-87; and